



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 204**

January Session, 2011

Substitute Senate Bill No. 686

*Senate, March 24, 2011*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AND A STUDY OF LAND USE PERMITTING PROCEDURES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) Whenever the State  
2      Traffic Commission receives an application from any person for an  
3      activity that will require local approval from a municipal planning  
4      commission, zoning commission, combined planning and zoning  
5      commission or inland wetlands commission, said commission shall not  
6      require such person to obtain such local approval before accepting  
7      such application for filing and shall process such application to the  
8      extent practicable without such local approval.

9      Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) On or before February 1, 2012, the joint  
10     standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
11     matters relating to planning and development shall conduct an  
12     analysis of local and state-wide land use permitting requirements and

13 procedures. Such study shall include, without limitation, an analysis of  
14 the interplay between state and local approval requirements and an  
15 identification of redundant and unduly burdensome steps or  
16 requirements that may hinder economic development in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**PD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$5,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

Section 1 of the bill results in no fiscal impact to the Department of Transportation. The State Traffic Commission currently permits developers to submit applications prior to obtaining local approvals.

Section 2 of the bill requires the Planning and Development Committee to conduct an analysis of local and state-wide land use permitting requirements. The Office of Legislative Management (OLM) could incur minimal costs, estimated to be less than \$5,000 in FY 12 for legislators and agency staff (who seek such reimbursement) participating in the analysis.

#### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would terminate in FY 12, as the analysis must be completed by February 1, 2012.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 686*****AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AND A STUDY OF LAND USE PERMITTING PROCEDURES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the State Traffic Commission (STC) to accept and, to the extent practicable, process any application it receives for any activity that will require the approval of a local planning, zoning, combined planning and zoning, or inland wetlands commission.

The bill also requires the Planning and Development Committee, by February 1, 2012, to analyze local and statewide land use permitting requirements and procedures, including (1) the interplay between state and local approval requirements and (2) redundant and unduly burdensome requirements that may hinder economic development in the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011, except that the study provision is effective upon passage.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/11/2011)